

be answerable for all bills of credit, and monies which he may receive, and pay all orders drawn by the Convention, or Council of Safety, or the branch thereof residing on his shore.

That torn and defaced bills shall be exchanged at reasonable and convenient times.

That the said bills of credit shall be redeemed and sunk on or before the first day of January, 1786, by taxes, or other legislative provision.

That this Convention bind their constituents, and pledge the faith of this province, for the redemption of the said bills, on or before the said first day of January, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the freeholders of each county in this province, and other freemen having a visible estate of forty pounds sterling, or qualified by law to vote for burgesses, do, on the second Tuesday of September next, meet together at the court-houses of their respective counties, (except as herein after excepted) and do there, under the inspection of their respective delegates in this present Convention, or any three or more of them, to whom it is recommended to attend for that purpose, by a majority of voices of such of the said electors as shall be present, elect, of the most discreet and sensible of those who are qualified as aforesaid to vote, a committee of observation for each county respectively, for the term of one year then next following, to consist of the following numbers; that is to say, For St. Mary's county, twenty-four; for Charles county, thirty-two; for Calvert county, fifteen; for Prince-George's county, thirty-three; for Anne-Arundel county, thirty-four; for Frederick county, fifty-three; for Baltimore county, thirty-seven; for Harford county, eighteen; for Worcester county, twenty-one; for Somerset county, twenty-one; for Dorchester county, nineteen; for Caroline county, fourteen; for Talbot county, sixteen; for Queen-Anne's county, twenty-one; for Kent county, twenty-two; for Cecil county, sixteen. And that from and after such election, the committees of observation in being, at, and immediately before such election, in each county respectively, be and are hereby declared to be dissolved.

That the committees so to be elected, or a majority of any seven or more of them, met together, shall have full power and authority to carry into execution the association and resolves of the Continental Congress, and Conventions of this province, so far as the same relate to the commercial opposition to the measures of the British ministry, in which the united colonies are engaged, and to censure any person or persons; who, within their respective counties, shall be by them adjudged to have been guilty of any breach or breaches thereof, in such manner and degree as hath been or shall be directed by the said Congress and Conventions. And shall further have full power and authority, on probable proof that any person has been guilty of any high and dangerous offence, tending to disunite the inhabitants of this province in their present opposition, or to destroy the liberties of America, to cause such person to be apprehended, and forthwith sent, together with the charge against him, to the Council of Safety on that shore where the offence shall be committed, who shall proceed to examine into the charge, and if the same shall be sufficiently proved, pronounce sentence thereon, that such person be imprisoned, in such place and manner, and for such time, as shall be adjudged, not beyond the rising of the next Convention, who, if they think proper, may take further order therein; or that he depart this province within a certain time to be limited.

That all persons pay obedience to and acquiesce in the determinations of such committees of observation and Council of Safety, and that no person whatsoever, other than the said committees and Council, presume to inflict any punishment for any such breaches or offences. And on the same day, or the next, to which the said delegates are empowered to adjourn, the said electors also choose by ballot, five of the most dis-

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